

I object to the use of cellphones and other electronic equipment on airplanes for the following reasons:

1. I have not seen any assertion that there is any change in safety concerns related to use of such equipment.
2. Passengers are packed so close together on airplanes that you would be unable to ignore the loud cellphone user in the seat next to you. While that is a problem even for people speaking in a normal voice, many people fairly shout when using a cell phone. That would make the plane ride intolerable and would inevitably cause disputes among passengers - leading to another safety hazard.
3. It simply is not necessary to have cellphone use on an airplane trip. We have survived for years without use of telephones on airplanes, there is no compelling reason to change.
4. Any resources used to make this frivolous amenity available should be used to assure safety, maintenance and solvency of the airlines rather than to create another advertising point for increasingly insolvent airlines.